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MEMORANDUM FOR: APEX Seminar Attendees

FROM : Special Assistant to the DCI for Compartmentation

SUBJECT : APEX Seminar, 5-6 May 1980

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you some information on the APEX Seminar. This seminar will give us a significant and unique opportunity to initiate a consistent and coordinated implementation of the APEX Special Access Control System. The different perspectives represented by the participants will afford an opportunity for all of us to learn and will make APEX implementation much easier for the entire Intelligence Community.

2. Although the APEX System is new and of tremendous significance, it is not awesome. Understanding its basics, however, is of sufficient importance that Admiral Turner, the Director of Central Intelligence, will make the keynote address for the seminar. The major purpose of the seminar is to acquaint the principal security implementers with the genesis, philosophy and major administrative security aspects of the APEX system. It is not designed, nor intended, to tell you how APEX will work in any one of the hundreds of APEX Control Facilities. Only the on-site APEX Security Officers and APEX Control Officers can make it work based on the guidelines that will be presented at the seminar.

3. The seminar presentations are calculated to orient you to the system and to answer the most important, common, questions raised within the Intelligence Community. Since many of the APEX System details must be evolved during implementation, please do not expect that the answers which are provided will remain unchanging. APEX will be a dynamic system throughout its implementation.

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4. Since some 200 to 250 participants will take part in the seminar, it must be conducted under relatively strict ground rules. These are:

a. Questions must be written in advance and submitted to the Steering Group for response. There will be periods during the seminar which may be used to draft any questions you may have. Those questions which are deemed to be pertinent to a large segment of the Intelligence Community will be publicly answered; the remainder will have answers provided directly to the originator.

b. You should make every effort to ensure that the questions you pose pertain to a significant cross section of the Intelligence Community. Only questions dealing with problem areas, inconsistencies or confusing concepts should be addressed. Questions dealing with the detailed impact or implementation of APEX within your particular organization should not be presented. Such matters should be addressed to, and dealt with by, your organization's representative to the APEX Steering Group at a later date.

c. Questions should emphasize Phase I and Phase II implementation concerns.

5. I recommend you completely familiarize yourself with the material in the attached "pre-seminar" package to enable your meaningful participation in the seminar. Such a review will also give you an opportunity to draft some of your questions in advance.

6. Additional administrative details concerning the seminar will be provided you as they are developed.



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